WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- Claim 1. A phosphor layer having a voidage of not less than 60 vol% and comprising a phosphor having a BET specific surface area of not less than 3 m^2/g .
- Claim 2. A vacuum ultra-violet radiation excited light emitting element comprising a phosphor layer according to claim 1.
- Claim 3. The vacuum ultra-violet radiation excited light emitting element according to claim 2, wherein said element is a plasma display panel.